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Briefing

Looking Ahead at C.I.A.

The Central Intelligence Agency has been doing a little anticipatory brushing up on one of its former directors, Vice President Bush. Agency officials say the C.I.A. recently compiled facts about Mr. Bush's tenure at the agency, which he headed for almost a year beginning in 1976.

William H. Webster, the present Director of Central Intelligence, said at a recent lunch that the compilation was not a review and was not intended for the use of Mr. Bush, who is all but assured of securing the Republican Presidential nomination, or for his Democratic rivals.

Asked what the purpose of the Bush study was, William Baker, an agency spokesman, replied: "In a general way, we try to anticipate some of your questions so that I can respond 'no comment' with some degree of knowledge."

Robert Gates, the Deputy Director of Intelligence, added, "It affects his inflection."